1991, there was an attempted theft of 88 prismatic compasses on the night of 17th/18th September, 1991. The suspected employees were apprehended and a First Information Report lodged with the Police. A detailed stock Verification undertaken has shown a shortage of 1908 serviceable Compasses and 859 repairable Compasses. The value of the missing Compasses is 13,40,634/- approximately. A staff Court of Inquiry is in progress.

4. There is no information so far of involvement of any foreign agency.

5. The following steps have been taken to strengthen the security of the depot:-

(i) patrolling interval in/out side the depot has been reduced;

(ii) provision of walkie/talkies at the guard posts has been recently made;

(iii) surveillance devices, such as hand held detector/door metal frame have been put to use;

(iv) search of personnel at gate while mustering in/out has been intensified;

(v) a Quick Reaction Team, with arms and ammn, has been deployed and carries out combing operations are regular intervals.

Export of blended Yarn

1464. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to export blended yarn;

(b) if so, the target fixed in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) India is already exporting blended yarn and its exports during 1990-91 amounted to Rs. 41.50 crores.

(b) and (c). The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council has fixed an export target of Rs. 75 crores for blended yarn during 1991-92. The exports have already reached Rs. 40.35 crores during the period April-September, 1991.

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Top 25 Tax Payers

1465. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: the top 25 income tax payers with details of their occupation and the amount of tax paid by each of them during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): Information regarding the top 20 income tax payers in the country, ranked in the order of their returned income (annualised) for the assessment year 1989-90, the income tax paid by them in respect of the assessment years 1988-89 to 1990-91 and their occupation, is enclosed as statement. This is information in respect of top 20 income tax payers, which is compiled every year, normally takes a long time for compilation. Collecting & compiling information regarding to 25 income tax payers will require further time and effort, which may not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of Assessee	Occupation	Tax Paid (Rs. in lakhs) in respect of		
			A.Y.1988-89	A.Y. 1989-90	A.Y. 1990-91
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Life Insurance Corporation of India, Bombay.	Insurance business	12560	12521	16446
2.	Oil & Natural Gas Commission, Dehradun.	Oil exploration	54046	50607	429
3.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bombay.	Manufacturing of petroleum products	15906	15153	17630
4.	Mahanagar Telephone Limited, Delhi	Rendering of Telephone services	2480	7057	7706
5.	Oil India Limited, Calcutta.	Oil Exploration	2461	5666	4490
6.	Videsh Samachar Nigam, Bombay.	Overseas telecommui-cation	5872	4891	4964
7.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, New Delhi.	Manufacturing of electrical and engineering goods and installation of projects	7088	9692	6994
8.	International Airport Authority of India Limited,	Equipping/setting up, maintaining national air-ports and installation of projects.	3680	3752	4482

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			A.Y.1988-89	A.Y. 1989-90	A.Y. 1990-91
1	2	3	4	5	6
9.	Bank of India, Bombay	Banking company	6698	7798	7022
10.	M/s Minerals & Metals Trading Company Ltd., New Delhi.	Trading in minerals metals.	2055	3196	3915
11.	Brooke Bonds (Private) Limited Calcutta.	Deals in packed Tea, coffee & Spices	1221	2765	2000
12.	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited,	Manufacture of Petroleum products	1964	3271	2802
13.	Colgate Palmolive Limited, Bombay	Manufacture of cosmetics etc.	1593	2799	2664
14.	Hindustan Lever Limited, Bombay	Basic Chemicals, Fertilisers, Consumer Products, soaps & Detergents	4751	4644	4460
15.	General Insurance Corporation, Bombay.	Insurance Business	3036	4583	4414
16.	StateBank of Patiala, Patiala	Banking Company	1576	2775	2800
17.	M/s I.T.C. Limited, Calcutta	Hotel, tobacco & paper manufacturing business	222	3700	3786

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			A.Y. 1988-89	A.Y. 1989-90	A.Y. 1990-91
1	2	3	4	5	6
18.	M/s Grindleys Bank, Calcutta	Banking Company	2287	2978	2828
19.	Bharat Petroleum Limited, Bombay	Manufacturing of Petroleum products	1465	2005	5070
20.	Indian Airlines, New Delhi.	Air Transportation	4500	2336	Nil